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Application No.

09/601,913

Applicant(s)

SAFRONOV ET AL.

Examiner

S. Thomas Hughes

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1. ☐ The Notice of Appeal filed on _____ is not acceptable because:

- (a) ☐ it was not timely filed.
- (b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the appeal was not submitted. See 37 CFR 1.17(b).
- (c) ☐ the appeal fee received on _____ was not timely filed.
- (d) ☐ the submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b) is \$_____.
- (e) ☐ the appeal is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.191 in that there is no record of a second or a final rejection in this application.
- (f) ☐ a Notice of Allowability, PTO-37, was mailed by the Office on _____.

2. ☐ The appeal brief filed on _____ is NOT acceptable for the reason(s) indicated below:

- (a) ☐ the brief and/or brief fee is untimely. See 37 CFR 1.192.
- (b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief has not been submitted. See 37 CFR 1.17(c).
- (c) ☐ the submitted brief fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The brief fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c) is \$_____.

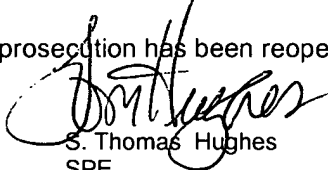
The appeal in this application will be dismissed unless corrective action is taken to timely submit the brief and requisite fee. Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. ☒ The appeal in this application is DISMISSED because:

- (a) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief as required under 37 CFR 1.17(c) was not timely submitted and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136 has expired.
- (b) ☐ the brief was not timely filed and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136 has expired.
- (c) ☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed on _____.
- (d) ☒ other: See Continuation Sheet

4. ☒ Because of the dismissal of the appeal, this application:

- (a) ☒ is abandoned because there are no allowed claims.
- (b) ☐ is before the examiner for final disposition because it contains allowed claims. Prosecution on the merits remains CLOSED.
- (c) ☐ is before the examiner for consideration of the submission and prosecution has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.


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Continuation of 3. (d) Other: Appellant has filed an amended or corrected brief which did not overcome all of the reasons for non-compliance of which appellant was notified. See MPEP 1206 and 37 CFR 1.192(d). Specifically, the corrected brief filed January 13, 2003 once again contains a defective grouping of claims. For instance, appellant states that claims 2-11, 14 and 15 do not necessarily stand or fall together with claims 1, 12, 13 and 16, yet provides absolutely no reasons for why these two groups should not stand or fall together. Appellant makes a statement in the corrected brief at page 5, line 13 through page 6, line 2 that on its face may appear to be a reason in support of the statement that the claims do not stand or fall together, yet makes absolutely no substantive argument to that effect. Further, appellant has not removed the non-appealable issue of the drawing objection from the appeal brief..